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ear, nose, and throat patients, only). Board nearby would cost \$4.50 a week.

This seems to be a good opening to work among people who are apparently willing to employ nurses, but who cannot get them. I thought this might be of advantage to some of the readers of the JOURNAL, our source of advice and inspiration. M. S. T.

[The name of the town may be had by writing to the editorial office of the JOURNAL, inclosing a self-addressed envelope.—ED.]

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

DEAR EDITOR: Some of the JOURNAL readers may find the following suggestions of use.

Two harness pins are fine for keeping the bed covers on children or semi-delirious patients. They are very strong and by pinning to mattress on each side, keep covers in place.

Mutton tallow is one of the finest preventives of bedsores known (to me). Render out the mutton suet, add all the gum camphor it will dissolve and keep in an old china cup. Have patient's back washed clean and rub in the tallow as hot as it can be borne by the hand. It is very healing, and forms a water-proof coating.

Salt bags are easiest heated by placing on a "Mrs. Potts" sad iron on the back of stove. Does not scorch, but stays hot.

Nurses getting a call to the country in winter, will find it wise to put a pair of heavy woolen tights and a sweater in their suitcase. Just before the station is reached, they can be put on in the toilet room, and then if they have an eight or ten mile ride they are somewhat prepared. Doctors will come for one with overshoes and fur coat (for themselves) and expect a nurse to keep warm in a thin cloth coat.

Minnesota.

M. W.

OPERATING ROOM IN PRIVATE HOMES

DEAR EDITOR: Possibly some of the private nurses would like to know how an operating room should be prepared in a private home. I will send my idea. I select a room that will afford the best light, also as small a one as possible, with, of course, sufficient room for three or four small tables and room for four or five persons to move about comfortably. I also inquire as to the time of the operation, and select a room in which the light would be best at that time.

I remove all tapestry, rugs, carpets, and pictures, leaving the walls and floor bare. Also remove all furniture. The wood-work and floors are washed free from dust. For the walls, I use corn meal or bread crumbs, sprinkled with some strong liquid disinfectant. I take a clean broom, wrapped with cloth, and with this wipe down the walls and ceiling. Then I wash the wood-work again with clear water which has a disinfectant in it. After this I procure clean sheets enough to cover walls and ceiling, and dip them in a bichloride or lysol solution (they may be sterile, but if in a hurry it takes time to sterilize them) and tack them up. To secure the sheet overhead, I use a step ladder and have two persons, with bichloride broom handles, hold the sheets while I tack them, as they are very heavy when wet. The ceiling is covered